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SUBJECT VISIT OF GOVERNOR AND MRS. REAGAN

REF: STATE 215997, STATE 209311, MELBOURNE 1055;
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1. AS NOTED IN ABOVE REFTELS CONSIDERABLE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE GONE BETWEEN CONGEN AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNING REAGAN VISIT HOSTED BY VICTORIA RED CROSS AND STATE OF VICTORIA. INITITALCOMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN RED CROSS AND GOVERNOR BEGAN IN JUNE WITH VARIOUS LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS, BETWEEN GOVERNOR'S ASSISTANT DEAYER AND RED CROSS GENERAL SECRETARY GODDARD. GODDARD HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO TELEPHONE DEAYER DURING NOVEMBER 2 AND WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO REACH HIM ON NUMBER OF QUESTIONS SOME OF WHICH ARE NOTED BELOW.

2. GOVERNOR REAGAN'S PROGRAM FOR MELBOURNE SUBMITTED TO HIM IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND FINALLY APPROVED BY DEAYER IN TELECON WITH GODDARD LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER (SEE PARA 6 FOR DETAILS). ALL THE NECESSARY PRINTING AND OTHER DETAILS FOR THIS PROGRAM HAVE BEEN ARRANGED PRECLUDING CHANGE IN ITINERARY FOR MELBOURNE OTHE THAN PERIOD BEGINNING AT ARRIVAL MELBOURNE AT LATEST NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOV 28 AND ENDING AT MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY, NOV 30. THEREFORE,
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WOULD SUGGEST THAT MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR CANBERRA WOULD BE ON NOV

27 AND MORNING OF NOV 28 TO ALLOW ARRIVAL NO LATER THAN 12 NOON.
NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR GOVERNOR AND HIS PARTY FROM
SATURDAY, DEC 1 ON.

3. VICTORIA RED CROSS IS PAYING TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF GOV AND
MRS. REAGAN AND TWO OF HIS STAFF FROM SACRAMENTO TO MELBOURNE AND
RETURN. IF THE GOVERNOR AND HIS PARTY ARE USING COMMERCIAL
TRANSPORTATION THE RED CROSS WILL STILL LIMIT PAYMENT TO
FOUR PERSONS. IF US AIR FORCE FACILITIES ARE BEING UTILIZED
INSTEAD OF COMMERCIAL AIRLINE, PLEASE ADVISE FULL ITINERARY.

4. RED CROSS AND PREMIER OF VICTORIA HAVE DECIDED
THAT SINCE GOV AND MRS REAGAN AND TWO OF HIS PARTY ARE QUESTS
OF THE STATE, THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE (SEE
CONGEN'S RECOMMENDATION IN MELBOURNE 1055) WHILE ACCOMMODATIONS
FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WILL BE MADE AT A HOTEL, AT
STAFF'S EXPENSE. RED CROSS NEEDS TO KNOW NUMBER OF SINGLE
AND DOUBLE ROOMS REQUIRED. ADVISE.

5. THE PREMIER OF VICTORIA WILL ANNOUNCE ON NOVEMBER 7 AT
USUAL WEDNESDAY PRESS CONFERENCE, THAT GOVERNOR REAGAN
WILL BE VISITING THE STATE OF VICTORIA. MAY HE ALSO
ANNOUNCE THAT GOV REAGAN WILL BE A PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY? ADVISE.

6. FOLLOWING IS RED CROSS PROGRAM ALREADY APPROVED BY GOV
REAGAN:
WEDNESDAY NOV 28: AM ARRIVE MELBOURNE. IF EARLY
ENOUGH A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE ARRANGED AT AIRPORT.
1300 LUNCHEON AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE WITH GOV OF VICTORIA, HIS
EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL SIR ROHAN DELACOMBE.
1415 LEAVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO CALL ON THE PREMIER OF
VICTORIA R J HAMER.
1445 CALL ON THE LORD MAYOR OF MELBOURNE
1530 IF NOON ARRIVAL PRECLUDES EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE, IT WILL
BE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.
1930 BUSINESS EXECUTIVE DINNER
GREAT HALL IN THE NATIONAL GALLERY. FORMAL FUNCTION 500 GUESTS WITH
TELEVISION ANDPRESS COVERAGE. GOV REAGAN'S PRESENTS KEY NOTE
ADDRESS.
THURSDAY NOV 20:
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1045 VISIT TO RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS.
1230 LUNCHEON- BANQUET ROOM, DALLAS BROOKS HALL. FORMAL FUNCTION
-500 PERSONS. ADDRESS BY GOV REAGAN.
1415. FORUM- AUDITORIUM, DALLAS BROOKS HALL. SOMEWHAT
INFORMAL FUNCTION-1000 PERSONS. ADDRESS BY GOV REAGAN AND ALSO
MRS. REAGAN IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.
1730 STATE GOVERNMENT RECEPTION- HOSTED BY
PREMIER HAMER.

1900 ONWARDS FREE BUT OPEN FOR GOVERNOR'S WISHES

FRIDAY NOV 30:

DAY INFORMAL SIGHTSEEING IN AND AROUND MELBOURNE.

CAN ALSO PLAN EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITY ON GOVERNOR'S PART
IS SO DESIRED.

1900 GALA RED CROSS DINNER DANCE- PALAIS BALLROOM, ST. KILDA.
FORMAL FUNCTION-500 GUESTS.

7. IN VIEW OF RED CROSS DESIRES AND OUR OWN EXPORT PROMOTION
INTEREST, POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT VIA AIR MAIL 500 BROCHURES,
EACH ON A) CALIF AND GOV. REAGAN AND B) EXPORT PROMOTION
AS LINKED TO GOV REAGANS SPECIAL ENVOY DESIGNATION. ALSO WIRE
BACKGROUND ON GOV REAGAN FOR GENERAL HANDOUT AND PRESS.
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